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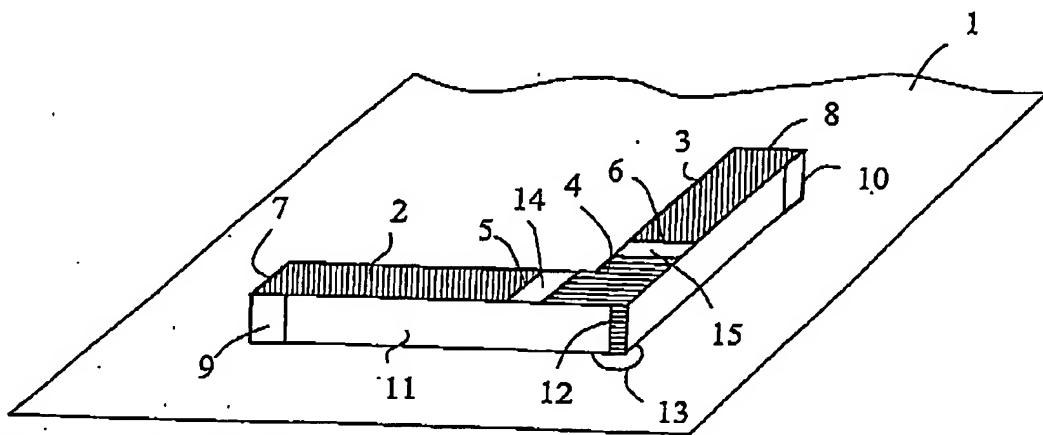
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(57) Abstract: A diversity radio antenna, comprising a ground substrate (1), first and second elongated antenna elements (2,3), each extending between respective first (5,6) and second opposing ends (7,8) in a plane parallel to and spaced from said ground substrate, and an excitation electrode (4) interposed between said respective first ends. Ground connector switch means (9,10) are devised to selectively connect and disconnect said ground substrate to said antenna elements, for controlling radiation beam pattern and polarisation diversity of the antenna. This way, said ground connector switch means are devised to selectively connect said first and second antenna elements to ground for adapting the antenna to a circularly-polarised radio wave, or disconnect one of said first and second antenna elements from ground for adapting the antenna to a linearly-polarised radio wave.

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